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29.	Tamilnadu	13553
30.	Tripura	0
31.	Uttar Pradesh	389
32.	West Bengal	725
33.	A, bad Mun. Corp.	180
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Transfer/Posting of Doctors in CGHS Depots of ISM&H in Delhi

32. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the transfer/posting of some doctors twice in the CGHS store depots of ISM&H in Delhi;

(b) whether these doctors have been given any special training to work in the store depots;

(c) whether there are no doctors capable to look after the store depots of ISM&H at present with the result, the doctors who have already completed their one normal tenure of stay are posted twice to work there to fulfil their vested interests; and

(d) by when Government will do justice to the doctors?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The transfer/posting of doctors in CGHS Store Depot of ISM&H system are normally done in accordance with the existing transfer policy keeping in view exigencies of service in public interest. No doctor of Ayurvedic and Unani System has been posted twice in their respective stores. However Dr. Man Singh, CMO has been posted twice in the CGHS, Homoeopathic Store considering his suitability and experience in the Store.

(c) and (d) Though there is no special training given to the doctors before posting them to the Store Depot, but their seniority, experience, suitability, etc., is considered before posting them to the store. However, as doctors are

reluctant to get posted in the Store Depot, the present incumbent in the CGHS Homeopathic Store Depot has been posted twice keeping in view administrative exigencies.

Danger from Bio-Chemical Warfare

33. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) his assessment of the danger that India faces from bio-chemical warfare that may be unleashed by terrorist groups; and

(b) the steps taken to deal with this threat?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) The threat of bio-chemical warfare cannot be discussed.

(b) Government has initiated the following actions.

(i) A national workshop was conducted at the NICD in September 2001 for developing surveillance mechanism for pathogens with biological warfare potential including that of anthrax.

(ii) An issue of CD alert (monthly Newsletter of NICD) on bio-terrorism with special reference to anthrax was circulated on October, 2001 to all the concerned health authorities in different States and Union Territories. The issue also covered the guidelines to be followed during biological war/terrorism and effective handling of suspicious envelops/package.

(iii) Guidelines for packaging, transportation of clinical specimens and processing protocol in laboratories were circulated to all the Medical Colleges in the country.

(iv) A meeting on chemical and bio-terrorism was organized on 29th October by the Department of Health which was participated by the Secretaries of Home & Health, Director of Health Services from various States/Union Territories. The representatives from the States informed the preparatory measures taken by them and assured availability of drugs in adequate quantity to tackle any situation.

(v) National Institute for Communicable Diseases, Delhi has been identified as the nodal agency to for investigations of any specimen suspected for anthrax.